

THE POPULATION CRISIS VS. PEACE

"Increasing evidence from around the world adds emphasis to the grim warning issued last year by Mr. Eugene Black, in his capacity as President of the World Bank: 'Population growth threatens to nullify all our efforts to raise living standards in many of the poorer countries. . . . Unless population growth can be restrained, we may have to abandon for this generation our hopes of economic progress in the crowded lands of Asia and the Middle East.'

"Clearly, the urgent, indisputable need today is for intensified action to decelerate world population growth. Population trends must become a central consideration in all national and international plans for health, economic development and world peace.

"Therefore, as Americans, we most strongly urge the United States Government to adopt forthright policies which will permit the resources and skills of our nation to be concentrated on the population problem. Our government should assist other nations which request help on voluntary population control,

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and should intensify research for improved methods of regulating fertility — methods acceptable to peoples of diverse cultures, creeds and ways of life. And we strongly urge that the United Nations take the lead in world-wide programs to cope

with overpopulation.

"In recent decades, the partnership of industry and science has contributed immeasurably to many fields of human activity; it is time that this partnership address itself squarely to the population dilemma. We therefore urge formation of a strong union between leaders in the sciences and humanities and leaders of commerce and industry, to the end that action may be stimulated on a level commensurate with the magnitude of the problem.

"The actions we suggest require that the timidities and conflicts of the past be cast aside. We appeal to all men to have faith that existing differences can be resolved, so that rapid progress can be made in checking excessive population growth, and so that children everywhere may grow up in a world that offers the prospect of peace and progress."

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